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**Renowned author to speak at Geneva Experiment Station
on history of wine in America**

Geneva, NY: Renowned author Thomas C. Pinney will make a presentation entitled "A Very Short History of Wine in America" at 10:30 am, Friday, June 6, 2008. The talk will be held in the auditorium on the second floor of Jordan Hall, at 630 W. North Street in Geneva, NY on the campus of Cornell University's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station (NYSAES).

The talk, hosted by the Frank A. Lee Library, is open to the public and is being presented in conjunction with the grape and wine history exhibit, *Song of the Vine: A History of Wine*, sponsored by the Cornell University Library, Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections. The exhibit is being held June through December 2008 in Ithaca.

Professor Pinney will outline the history of wine in America, and provide a summary of New York State's contributions to that history. He will explore how New York has taken, and held the lead in grape production and winemaking in the eastern United States.

Tom Pinney is the author of the landmark two-volume work, *A History of Wine in America* along with several other wine-related publications. He is Emeritus Professor of English at Pomona College, Claremont, CA, the former chair of the department and a Kipling scholar.

The presentation is being held to commemorate the first ten years of Cornell's Eastern Wine & Grape Archive, which seeks to preserve wine and grape history by saving documents and records of historic value.

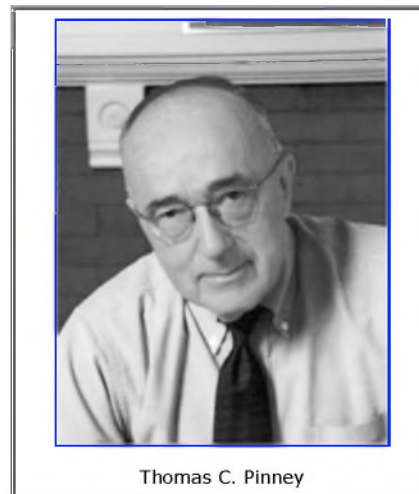
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